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Mr. Larry Gore, Geologist
Bureau of Land Management
Dixie Resource Area Office
225 North Bluff Street
St. George, Utah 84770

Re: Approval of Request to Abandon Bird Netting, USMX of Utah, Inc., Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gore:

The Division has received a copy of USMX of Utah, Inc.'s December 2, 1993, request to abandon bird netting on their Rinse Water Pond at the Goldstrike Mine. We have evaluated their request and the justification provided to not replace the bird netting which was lost on this pond following a recent heavy snowfall at the mine. The Division accepts the operators justification and hereby approves of this request with the following conditions:

1. USMX of Utah receives concurrence from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and approval from the BLM, not to net the pond.
2. USMX agrees to any conditions/restrictions that these agencies may impose upon the operator regarding their acceptance of this proposal.
3. This Division reserves the right to re-evaluate its decision in the future, should mitigating circumstances/conditions change such that our original decision is no longer appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to you in this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program

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